

Intramural coordinator could bring male intercollegiate team to Clarke

By Moira Urich

It was obvious in 1979 when Clarke became a coeducational institution that changes would have to be made in order to provide equal opportunities for male students as well as for females. And now with the increase in the number of males on campus, steps have been taken accordingly in planning a men's intercollegiate sports program that will include basketball and soccer.

Sister Diana Malone, Director of Student Activities, offered this information: "On Friday, Jan. 29, the Student Life Committee of the Board of Trustees will be presented with a recommendation from the Clarke Planning Committee which the Planning Committee feels is in the best interest of the student body as a whole and men's intercollegiate athletics. The recommendation is that Clarke seek to hire for the 1982-

83 academic year a person who will act as the Intramural Coordinator and who will build and eventually coach the first men's intercollegiate team."

The new sports coordinator would begin in 1982-83 by strengthening Clarke's intramural program for both men and women. This expanded program would include tennis and perhaps golf and track. Sister Diana pointed out that tennis, golf, and track were chosen because of their relatively independent nature; they are activities that are easily maintained throughout life without dependence on a group of people to constitute a team.

In addition, the sports coordinator would supervise and help improve intramural activities, which would benefit a large number of Clarke students. In this way, Sister Diana noted, the needs of the greatest number of students would be served first.

It is estimated that in the 1983-

84 academic year, the sports coordinator's position would be expanded in order to coach the first men's intercollegiate teams. Presently, the men's sports under consideration for 1983-84 are basketball and soccer. However, the sports coordinator would continue to work closely with students in building a strong intramural program.

Clarke will rent facilities for both the intramural and the men's intercollegiate activities.

As a result of these changes, Clarke will become a member of NCAA Division III for both men's and women's programs. According to Sister Diana, "Division III is a non-athletic scholarship division. Women who are presently receiving scholarships for volleyball and basketball will continue to receive these scholarships but no new scholars will be awarded."

It is not known when the decision will be made concerning this recommendation.



Sister Therese Mackin starts her duties as new Director of Planned Giving.
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Ryker heads cast list for Greek play 'Medea'

By Tammy Hutson

Karen Ryker, acting instructor at Clarke College, will be playing the lead in Clarke's next drama production, Medea, a classic Greek tragedy by Euripides on Feb. 26, 27 and 28 in Terence Donaghoe Hall. Two other faculty members, Bill Ternent, Communications Department Chairman, and Dave Fyten, Director of Public Relations, have also been cast in Medea. Ternent has the part of Creon and Fyten the part of Aegeus.

According to Ryker this is not the first time Clarke faculty have performed in the college's productions. Before Clarke became coed open auditions were held for the male roles. Even now, the drama department seeks members of the community to fill the male roles.

The director, Sister Carol Blitgen, associate professor of Dramatic Literature, explains why Ryker will play the part of Medea. "At this time we felt we had no one really capable of doing that role and if Karen is going to stay on an artistic faculty, then she must also work within her own art, so that she is capable of teaching it."

"Besides that," continues Ryker, "I'm a performer. Now and then I have to find a way to perform."

Sister Carol and Ryker asked the students last spring how they'd feel if Ryker played the role of Medea. Sister Carol says, "We got all positive feedback last spring."

Since that time Ryker has been preparing mentally for her role. She calls it "background work on her character." Over the summer she wandered around Greece and Medea's home. She says that she's also been exercising both physically and vocally since No-

Fyten, who has performed in several Clarke productions is looking forward to performing with Ryker. He says, "I was very excited and enthused about the prospect of acting with Karen Ryker, whom I respect enormously."

In the spring of 1976, Fyten played a part in Clarke's last Greek play, Lysistrata by Aristophanes. He says, "Both Lysistrata and Medea, although very different plays — one's a comedy and one's a tragedy — both of them are very energetic and both of them deal with themes and subject material which was relevant, not only in its own day, but it remains relevant today."

Although Fyten admits that he'll have to "juggle some priorities," he feels that the size of his role is "quite manageable."

Ternent says his part, too, is small enough to allow his participation. He says, "I've never done anything from the classical era. After reading the script and seeing what a really difficult show it is, particularly for the lead Medea, it just seemed it would be interesting to watch that show unfold and also to be involved with it."

Ternent has been involved in theater off and on since high school. Although he wasn't in any plays during college, he took several acting classes, and did a lot of singing. He's performed and directed with community groups in Fort Wayne, Ind.; Daytona Beach and Orlando, Fla., and Reston, Va.

He says, "I've always had an interest in theater."

Playing the part of Jason is Paul Russo. The children will be played by Mary Pat Hennagir and Shannon Furlong, both from the Dubuque community.

Clarke students in Medea are Deborah Wook ('84), the Nurse; Mike Allen ('84), the Tutor;

chorus members Laura Carney ('83), Carol Erhart ('84), Deanne Menkin ('84), Alice Noethe ('83), Maria Osborn ('85), and DeAnn Semler ('83).

Sister Carol says, "I'm pleased with the cast. I think it's an excellent cast. I'm particularly pleased that so many younger people auditioned and were cast because this will give them a really fine experience, so that they can begin to build and maybe next year then the drama department will be able to do even more difficult kinds of work."

News Briefs

Political caucuses

Clarke College's Young Democrats will be attending the precinct caucus for the Democratic Party to be held Monday, Feb. 1 at 8 p.m. at Wahlert High School.

The precinct will be voting on delegates to the county conventions. If you are interested in going to the Democratic caucus you can contact Lisa Freese or Jeni Collins for more information and/or transportation.

The Republican caucus will be held Monday, Feb. 1 at 8 p.m. at Dubuque Senior High School.

Plane Crash

As of Sunday, Jan. 17, 46 bodies had been recovered from the Boeing 737 that plunged into the Potomac River after crashing into a commuter bridge soon after its takeoff from National Airport Wednesday, Jan. 13. The bodies of 28 people were still to be recovered, but recovery operations have been hampered by the bitter cold. Rescue workers were able to save five people who sur-

vived the impact of the crash. It was stated by Dr. Brian Blackborne, chief deputy medical examiner for the District of Columbia, that 45 of the 46 victims already recovered from the crash died on impact.

Security Advisor

President Reagan appointed William P. Clark Jr. to the position of national security advisor Jan. 5, 1982. Clarke replaced Richard V. Allen who resigned the post due to investigations into his acceptance of \$1000 from Japanese journalists and three watches from Japanese friends and errors in his government financial disclosure forms. Clark brings only a year's experience in foreign policy to his White House post.

AT&T Battle

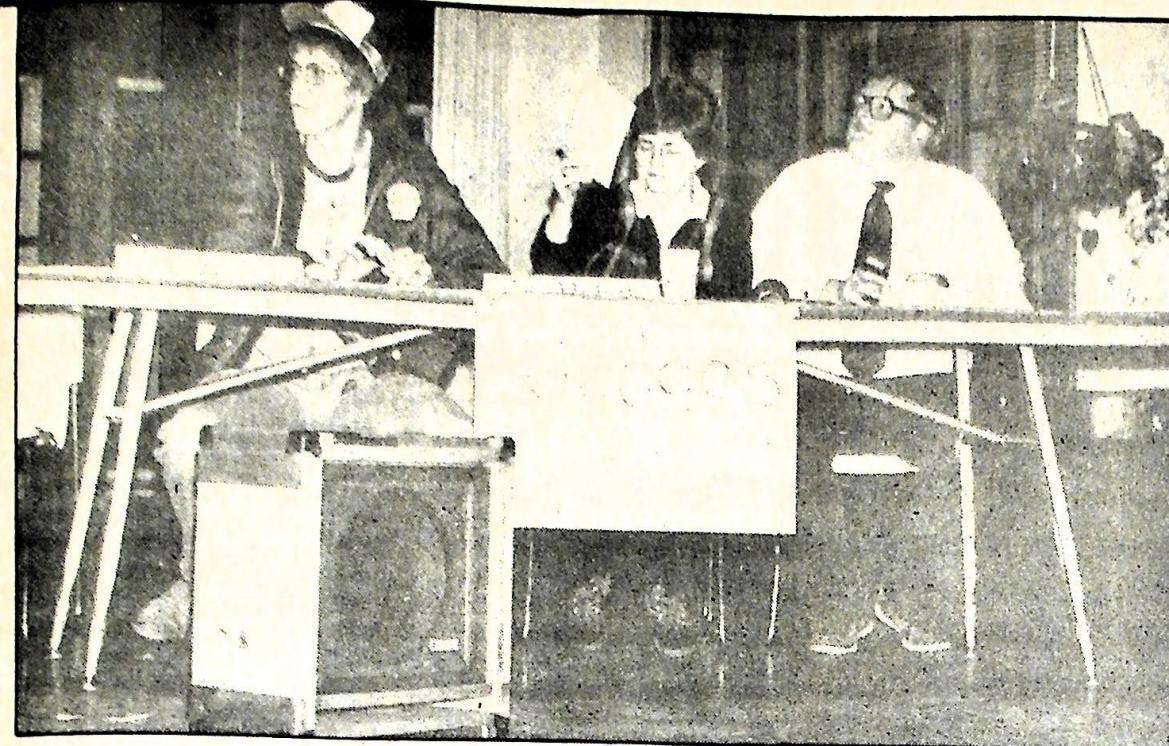
Jan. 8, 1982 marked the end of a seven-year battle between the U.S. Justice Department and AT&T. Under the terms of the AT&T settlement, AT&T, the world's largest corporation, was given six months to submit to the

Justice Department a plan for spinning off its 22 local operating companies such as Northwestern Bell, with combined assets of \$80 billion.

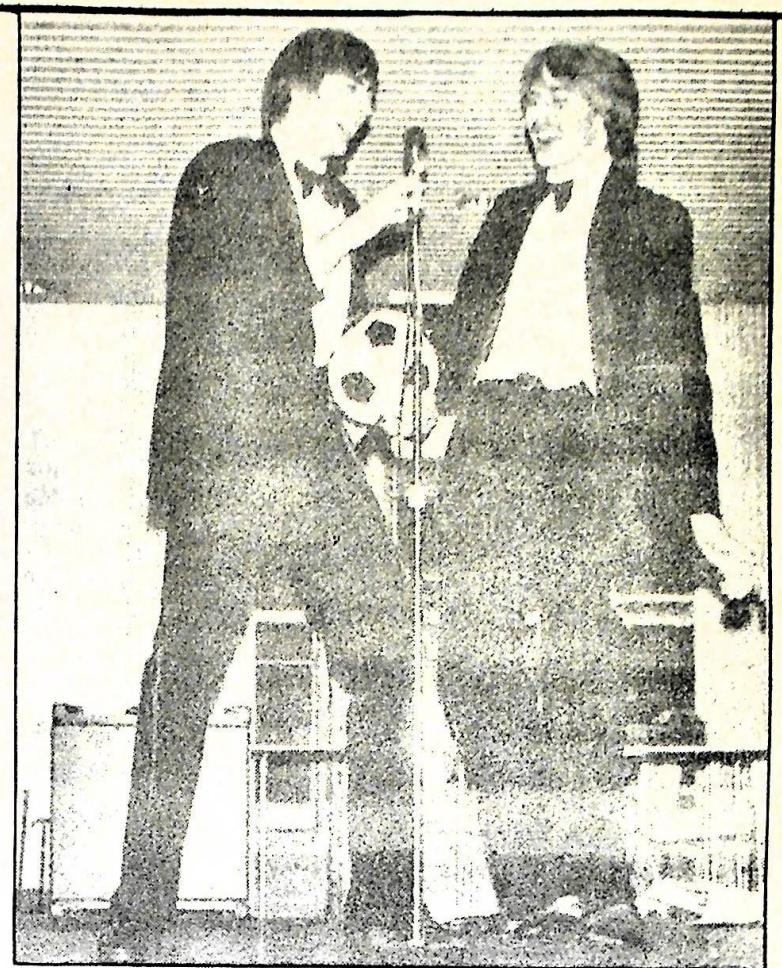
It has been forecast by the Bell Telephone network that the ensuing competition will force long-distance telephone rates down and local rates up.

IBM Battle

Four and a half hours after the Justice Department's settlement with AT&T, they announced the dismissal of their 13-year long battle against IBM. The Justice Department had originally charged IBM with engaging in illegal acts to achieve and maintain a monopoly in the computer business. Antitrust chief Baxter stated that although there was some indication that IBM had engaged in "bad practices," there was only "flimsy" evidence that those practices had anything to do with maintaining a monopoly. This case is being regarded by many people as the biggest antitrust mistake the government has ever made.



Judge Sister Helen Humeston casts her vote while judges Roger Holland and Larry James look on.



The audience was asked to "follow the bouncing ball" during Steve Paschal and Joe Dryden's Gong Show act.



Marikay Sullivan, Karen Moe, Jenny Poulos and Joan Ihm demonstrate their professional brushing techniques for the judges.

Gong show shares laughs

The Gong Show, sponsored by the freshman class, was held in the Union on Friday. Students were given a chance to try their talents out on the rest of the school. The winner of the event was Brian May who sang "Annie's Song" by John Denver. Prizes were also awarded to Joe Dryden, Steve Paschal, Pam Sessa, Frank McCalin and Pat Doyle.

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Skiing: different kind of fun for all seasons

By Roger Holland

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ing your youngsters to engage in makeshift wrestling bouts (which you, of course, as referee), they will learn how to deal with and dominate other children as well as discovering their own strengths and weaknesses. I firmly believe that professional wrestling is a far better teacher than Captain Kangaroo and Bozo than Draggin' My Heart Around," "Edge of Seventeen," and "The Highwayman."

Bob Rajchel has been snow skiing for six years, and has been a ski instructor for three years at Snow Star Ski School near Milwaukee. Rajchel has also learned to water ski during the past three years as an employee of a Milwaukee sports store. He and other employees test new water skiing equipment for quality and skill levels.

Max Lorenz of Dubuque has been water skiing for twenty years, and has taught many friends to water ski. Lorenz has snow skied several times but he admits he is still in the amateur stage.

Each man has his own bias on which type of skiing is more enjoyable. They see differences between the two types, but also note many similarities.

Both agree water skiing is harder to learn. "I like both types of skiing equally as well, but I'm a better snow skier than water skier," says Rajchel. "Not because it is so much easier to learn, but because I've been snow skiing twice as long. I would say, however, that it is easier to learn how to snow ski. This is because in snow skiing you can control exactly how fast you want to move. While water skiing — you must be moving at least 30 miles an hour, and you are always at the mercy of the boat driver."

Lorenz says he's much better at water skiing, but admits, "If I had spent as much time at snow skiing as I have at water skiing, I think I could be good at snow skiing also. I think snow skiing is

easier to learn because once you start moving downhill — you're already skiing. At first it is only a matter of finding a hill to stand up on and moving downhill. In water skiing you first have to learn to get up on the skis, then comes the actual skiing. For many people the hardest aspect about water skiing is getting up on the skis — that is the tricky part."

Both men also realized the subtle, yet definite, differences in skiing stances. According to Rajchel, "In snow skiing you must lean forward; this stance keeps the skis from slipping from beneath you, and helps the skier develop enough speed to make it to the bottom of the hill."

"The knees are what soak up the bumps in either type of skiing," says Lorenz. "But they are bent more in snow skiing than in water skiing." A typical water skier stance is where you are leaning back far enough to keep your balance from the pull of the rope, while keeping your knees bent slightly. The knees will soak up most bumps on the water, and they are usually bent much more in snow skiing than in water skiing.

The men disagree on what was the most difficult aspect of switching between the two types of skiing. Rajchel says, "Part of the difficulty in going between the types of skiing is in the handling of the skies. In both types all you need to do is tilt the skies and you will turn, but water skis will be much more responsive because of the speed you are skimming across

the water. This surprises many snow skiers when they try turning on water."

"If you can ski one way, you should be able to adapt to the other way in only a few tries," said Lorenz. "But again, the hard part is getting up in water skis in the first place. I've seen many snow skiers who were trying to water ski, and for some reason as soon as they were up they would pull on the tow rope. This threw them off balance, of course, but usually after several tries they were able to get up and stay up."

The men noted that any skiing requires expensive equipment. Rajchel feels that "Snow skiing is much more expensive — a pair of snow skis cost anywhere between \$150 and \$400. Boots and bindings sell from \$75 to over \$200, and ski poles cost between \$12 and \$50. Outerwear for snow skiing may also be very expensive depending on how 'fancy' you want to look. Ski jackets easily sell for over \$300."

Lorenz agrees that water skiing is less expensive because, "There is less of a variety of equipment to choose from. The most expensive slalom water ski is less than \$355, and trick skis sell for about \$40. Tow ropes with spony or aluminum handles sell for under \$25. There are fancy jackets and gloves that won't help your skiing ability, but at least they will let you look professional."

The two men also agreed that snow skiing has a greater potential for danger. "Snow skiing is much more dangerous," Rajchel

said. "I've seen broken legs, arms, ankles and noses, along with internal injuries from ski poles. I've also seen accidents where people hit trees and had to be admitted to a hospital overnight."

While Lorenz said that snow skiing seemed more dangerous, he noted that he had seen many accidents while water skiing. "I've seen broken collarbones, broken legs, sand bruises and once I saw a girl run over by a boat. I even have a broken eardrum from when I hit the water going about 70 miles per hour."

Finally, the men seemed to disagree on which sport is more popular, and why. Rajchel feels that snow skiing has a larger following mainly because "during the summer there is so much else to do besides water skiing, and during

the winter there aren't many other sports to participate in. You can also ski days and evenings, and it is easy to rent all the equipment you'll need. It's not so easy to rent a boat and water skis."

According to Lorenz, "There seems to be more competition events for snow skiing — with the Olympics and such, but for total national participation, I think there are more water skiers. Many people in the southern half of the country never get a chance to snow ski unless they go to Colorado in winter. People throughout the nation as far north as Minnesota are able to water ski all summer long. I think availability of water skiing year 'round in most of the country is the main reason for the greater popularity of water skiing."

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